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January 2, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1924:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$3,500.00
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - -	8,500.00
Contingent Expenses- - - - - - - -	2,600.00
Increase of Compensation - - - - -	1,600.00
Total - - -	$16,000.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 4, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

A representative from the Supervising Architect's office has been in to see me in regard to the elevator gate in the lower vault in your Mint. It seems the gate does not close up close enough, and the Supervising Architect suggested that the gate be made to swing. The contractor states that this will cost more money and will have to be extra. I wish you would look into the matter and arrange so the gate will be satisfactory to you, that it will be safe and large enough for our trucks. You had probably better take this up through the Superintendent in charge, Mr. Whitted. Any arrangement that is satisfactory to you will be satisfactory to the Supervising Architect's office, providing there will be no extra cost to the Government.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant

A. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 7, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Until further notice please discontinue weekly telegraphic coinage reports.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1924.

Hon. Frank P. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Yesterday we sent you by mail a number of questionnaire blanks to be filled out for the Personnel Classification Board. These blanks should be returned to us as soon as possible and should be very carefully made out, particularly section 18, descriptive of the work. The duties of each employee should be carefully noted on this blank, and the importance of the job thoroughly stated as the rating will be made upon such explanation.

No. 24 on the blank should also be carefully filled out, as that has some weight with the Board.

In filling out No. 25, for your guidance you may rate Halmstrom as Assistant Melter and Refiner, and ask for a salary from $2700 to $3300. For Borstadt and Stoddard ask $1860 to $2400 as Foremen. For Pierce $1680 to $2040. For the balance of the men in the Refinery their present salary plus the bonus.

New blanks will have to be made out for all men in the Refinery, and for whatever changes have been made in the Mint since July 1, 1923.

The temporary men have never had the bonus. At your discretion you can give them a bonus where deserved from February 1.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Thank you for your letter of January 9th in regard to Paul Kuehn. As far as this office is concerned I do not believe we want to make any further investigation. However, you are at liberty to make whatever investigation you wish on your own account. I will be interested in the result, although I do not have much faith in Mr. Kuehn's statement that he gets gold out of oil. I have seen numerous assays made of oil shales for gold and silver and the results are usually a trace, or such a small amount of metal that it was of no value. Usually oil is found in a country far removed from precious metals. Mr. Kuehn's statement sounds too much like our friend Beam, who claims that he has a process whereby he gets gold out of rock that will not show by the regular fire tests. My experience has been that where no gold is shown in the regular fire assay, there is no gold.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 18, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letter of January 12 in regard to 60,862.55 ounces of mutilated and uncurrent silver coin, please go ahead and coin dimes from this amount also from whatever may come in in the meantime.

Respectfully.

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 19, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., amount $9.15, covering transportation charges on 1 box consisting of elec. instr. model 5 voltmeter 493, Waverly Newark, N. J. to Denver, Colo. November 20, 1923, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

It is understood that your requirements under the "Special Fund -- Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold," during the period January 1 to June 30, 1924, on account of personal services will be approximately as it is at present, between $2000 and $2,200 per month and you are authorized to proceed on this basis.

It is anticipated that your contingent appropriation will be sufficient to meet all the requirements during the remainder of this fiscal year and it is therefore requested that no further vouchers be rendered for reimbursement to the contingent appropriation from the silver dollar fund during the period January to June, 1924, inclusive.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

$20,000 in nickels, Denver to Detroit, Mich., 12-7-23 - - - - - - - - - -	$310.89
5,000 in 1¢ pieces, Denver, to St. Louis, Mo., 12-7-23- - - - - - - -	217.50
Total	$528.39

In this connection, kindly be advised that bills covering shipments of minor coin made by your institution, as follows, have this date been forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint for settlement inasmuch as you have not sufficient minor coinage profits to cover same.

$ 5,000 in one cent pieces, Denver to Dallas, Tex., 12-7-23, and 20,000 in one cent pieces, Denver to Chicago, Ill., 12-8-23 - - - - - -	$1,052.73
$25,000 in nickels and $20,000 in one cent pieces, Denver to Chicago, Ill. 12-6-23 - - - - - -	1,339.04
Total	$2,391.77

Respectfully.

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 23, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I am forwarding under separate cover your commission as Superintendent of the Denver Mint together with blank form for oath of office. The Secretary's office suggest that you execute the oath February 1 and they will approve your bond on that date. Will you please wire this office when you have taken the oath.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Kindly be advised that the following amounts, representing reimbursements from the Special Fund - Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold, on account of expenses of refining silver during the month of December 1923, have been deposited to the credit of the appropriations indicated:

$1,957.21--Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1924.
2,075.10--Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1924.
C.D. #13373, dated 1-18-24.

These amounts are deposited without personal credit and should not be taken into your account current.

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the sum of $500.00 from the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1924", to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1924:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 3,700.00
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	9,500.00
Contingent Expenses- - - - - - -	5,000.00
Increase of Compensation - - - -	1,800.00
Total - - - -	$20,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed please find letter of the American Railway Express Co. concerning bill, in amount $3.87, covering charges on a shipment from Hartford, Conn. to Denver, Colo., August 13, 1923, on Government bill of lading 334288.

The Bureau has no record of receipt of the bill referred to nor has memorandum copy of bill of lading been received in this office, and is therefore forwarding this letter to you for possible identification of the shipment mentioned. If you are able to identify shipment as belonging to you and properly chargeable to your appropriation, the enclosed form, 2168, Certificate of Shipment, should be sent to consignor for accomplishment of upper portion with instructions to return same to you. Upon its return you will execute Consignee's Certificate of Delivery and forward to the Bureau. It will then be forwarded to carrier to support new bill. All correspondence tending to support loss of the original should be returned to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1924.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives has indicated, in connection with consideration of appropriations to be made for the fiscal year 1925, a desire for further information concerning our expenditures and estimates than that provided by the classification which was put into effect July 1, 1922. It is therefore directed that subclassification of certain items, as mentioned below, be kept in the future and that it be made retroactive to July 1, 1923, in order that the information may be available when estimates for the fiscal year 1926 are called for.

The classification heads for which subclassification is to be provided follow, together with subclassification heads for each:

0220--Scientific and educational supplies -
Acids for refining and for cleaning blanks.
Other.

0230--Fuel --
Coal.
Gas.
Oil.
Other.

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0240--Wearing apparel and sewing supplies -
Gloves, mitts, etc.
Coin bags and materials therefor.

0289--Sundry supplies -
Crucibles and other graphite goods.
Other furnace supplies, including fluxes, etc.
Lubricants.
Other.

0290--Materials -
Copper for alloy.
Fire bricks.
Lumber.
Other.

10--Furnishing heat, light, power, and electricity (Service)-
Electric current for light, power, and refining.
Water.
Steam for heating building and for refinery use.(New York.)

12--Repairs -
Furnace.
Machinery.
Refining apparatus.
Other.

13--Special and miscellaneous current expenses -
Operative losses on gold and silver.
Losses on sale of sweeps.
Annual Assay Commission expenses (Philadelphia).
Other.

3020--Educational, scientific, and recreational equipment -
Balances and weights.
Laboratory equipment.
Other.

3050--Other equipment -
Furnaces and accessories.
Refining apparatus.
Coining machinery including motors and accessories.
Shops equipment.
Other.

It is suggested that the subclassification record be kept in a separate book from the regular classification record. The following form should permit the tracing of items and give satisfactory results for the subclassification record.

FUEL				
Coal	Gas	Oil	Other	
Fiscal Year 1924				
Voucher #5-$2,136.45 " 19- 1,921.00	Voucher-#8-$7,526.12			

It is urged that reference be made to the pamphlet issued by the General Accounting Office "Classification of Objects of Expenditure" (Bulletin No. 1, May 11, 1922), and that the classification scheme be thoroughly visualized. Attention is particularly invited to the first paragraph of the "Introduction" on page 3, the last sentence of which reads: "The term 'objects' refers to the service or articles obtained as distinguished from the results of the expenditures." For example, the cost of coal obtained should be classed under fuel, symbol 0230, and not under furnishing of heat, light, power, water, and electricity (service), symbol 10. The definitions on pages 11 to 16 should be understood.

Unless the classification is uniformly applied, which is possible only if it is understood, the value of the work done will be questionable, and the result may be a cause of embarrasment to those called upon to use it, as well as to those who prepared it.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning the bond of Paul R. Hempel which has been corrected by the Secretary's office, Section of Surety bonds, in accordance with your letter of February 2. The penalty of the bond has been increased to $5,000, If the premium rate cannot be adjusted between the principal and surety to meet this increase without the preparation of a new bond please advise the Bureau with return of the bond.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

FROM

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 6, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized expend three hundred sixty dollars two tons zinc and one hundred sixty dollars lead

Grant

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES
PENALTY TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
This appropriation from which pay able must be stated on above line.

TO

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

February 6, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, amount $139.13, covering freight charges on copper slabs shipped to the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company, Dec. 3, 1923, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 6, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Kindly be advised that the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office deposited, under date of January 19, 1924, by C. D. #57, $12,876.43, which represents amount received from the sale of 113.09 ounces platinum belonging to your institution. The above revenue should be taken into your account current for the month of January 1924 and deposit thereof shown by C. D. as stated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint

February 12, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., amount $3.87, covering shipment of one typewriter, Hartford, Conn. to Denver, Colo., August 13, 1923, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

You will doubtless recall this bill as that which has been the subject of recent correspondence with your institution. The Bureau took the matter up with the General Supply Committee and was advised that the express charge on this typewriter was a proper Government liability.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 13, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 4th please be advised that the Superintendent of Supplies, General Supply Committee, has authorized the exchange of Remington Typewriter No. 10, Serial No. RL 85827 held by you, at an exchange value of $30.00, for one Remington typewriter, carriage B, 14".

Respectfully,

M. McRaeby

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 13, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

$ 5,000 in nickels and
1,000 in one cent pieces, Denver
to Minneapolis,Minn.,12-6-23---$113.68

1,000 in one cent pieces,Denver
to Minneapolis,Minn.,12-8-23;
2,000 in one cent pieces, Denver
to Minneapolis,Minn.,12-13-23-- 124.53

5,000 in nickels, Denver to
Minneapolis,Minn.,12-29-23----- 71.41
Total------$309.62

Respectfully,

M McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 15, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Secretary requests that for time being you report deliveries of gold daily Department in urgent need more gold coin Have promised at least six million dollars monthly from your mint and personally hope you can exceed this estimate Very urgent you make every effort accomplish this end without increasing force double eagles

Grant

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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February 15, 1924.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of a request from the Committee on Storage of Coal of the Federated American Engineering Socities, asking to be advised of the amount of coal received at the various offices of the Mint Service during the fiscal year 1923. Will you be kind enough to advise me of the total amount of bituminous coal delivered to your institution during the period named. The total for the year will be sufficient.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed please find one copy each of three bullion accounts current covering the operations of the Denver Mint during the quarter October-December, 1923, and one copy each of the two ordinary accounts current covering the transactions of Messrs. Grant and Leech for the same period, with request that amended accounts current be forwarded to conform with the pencil notations carried on the enclosures.

Please note that the three accounts current, rendered for different periods in the name of Mr. Grant, for both the bullion and ordinary transactions, have been consolidated into single accounts current covering the entire time during which Mr. Grant was charged with funds.

The gold coinage shown to have been done by Mr. Leech has been transferred to Mr. Grant's account for the reason that no settlement had been made in the operating departments and that consequently Mr. Leech did not assume liability for any operating losses or gains involved in manufacture of this $4,000,000 of Double Eagles. The transfer of gold certificate bars to gold coinage bullion account, shown in Mr. Leech's account current, has been treated as a transfer by Mr. Leech to Mr. Grant for the same reason, this transfer representing bullion delivered November 28th to the M. & R. Department and thus put in the coinage processes which, pending settlement, were continued as under Mr. Grant's jurisdiction until taken over by Mr. Shepard.

The bullion operating losses and gains have been taken into Mr. Grant's accounts current, also the proceeds of gains, with their deposit in the Treasury and the deposit of bullion charges accrued during Mr. Grant's period.

In Mr. Leech's bullion account current the cash item of $4,000,000 shown as coin in lieu of gold consumed in coinage should be stated as a transfer of funds from Mr. Grant; and in Mr. Leech's ordinary account

current the method of stating the 1923 contingent appropriation transaction is indicated by pencil notation.

On the bullion account current of Mr. Shepard, changes have been made to reflect the results of carrying the coinage operations, up to the time Mr. Shepard assumed charge, in Mr. Grant's account instead of in Mr. Leech's. The item of prepaid bullion has also been entered.

The above changes will necessitate the giving of a receipt by Mr. Grant to Mr. Leech for gold certificate bars in the sum of $1,483,569.63, and the giving of a receipt by Mr. Leech to Mr. Grant for $4,000,000 gold coin. Mr. Grant's receipt, in duplicate, is enclosed herewith; two copies have been retained here.

Amended receipt should be given by Mr. Shepard to Mr. Leech, carrying gold bullion to the value of $662,018.86 instead of $2,145,588.49; the other items on Mr. Shepards receipt of December 3 to Mr. Leech remain the same. Amended receipt should be given by Mr. Shepard to Mr. Grant, the item of gold bullion to be $46,615,132.21 instead of $45,131,562.58; the other items on this receipt of December 3 should remain the same but there should be added an item of cash, $929.22, and a liability item on account of surplus bullion value, $319.46. All these receipts should be in quadruplicate and be distributed as were the other receipts.

The total of the melting charge column on page 1 of Mr. Grant's November bullion abstract is $57.20 instead of $58.20, and the total of the parting and refining column is $288.03 instead of $287.03. This transposition is carried into the total for the period and into the accounts, and corrective adjustment should be made at the end of the abstract sheet for the current quarter.

Accompanying Mr. Grants account is a schedule of deposits remaining unpaid; there should be a corresponding schedule of these deposits filed with Mr. Leech's accounts to support the items paid by him but not included on his abstract sheet; these items were deposits nos. 710 and 715.

Voucher #94 of Mr. Leech's account, in favor of Hendrie & Bolthoff M. & S. Co., amount $48.93, covers steam hose, brass wire screen, etc. There is a copy of proposal attached showing the Mine & Smelter Supply Co. to have been the lower bidder on three of the five items. No explanation is given for failure to accept the low bid; inability to furnish part of the items in question is not sufficient reason for not splitting an award on a proposal when there is a material difference in cost. One difference in this transaction was of $10.01 paid in excess of the lower bid on 35 feet hose.

Reference is made to abstract sheet of Mr. Leech's period, on which deposits no. 763 and 764 are combined as to charges and net amount payable. This combination is presumed to have been in error since one deposit was made by A. Goodstein and the other by Tonopah Placer Co.

Voucher #104 of Mr. Shepard's account, favor Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, amount $17.31, carries over-payment of 41¢ which should be refunded. This overpayment occured on two messages to the Director of the Mint dated November 12, one of 43 words and the other of 35 words, and on a message dated November 20 to the Agent of the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co., Washington, D. C.,38 words. These messages were charged for at rates for night messages while they should have been charged for at the night letter rate. A provision of the rules governing messages sent for the Government is that "An overnight message in plain language shall be charged for as a night message or as a night letter according to which of these two classifications shall produce the lower charge for the message."

Confusion and loss of time have occured on different occasions both in the Bureau and the General Accounting Office by reason of the fact that on the abstract sheets two of the columns under the head of "charges" are used for other purposes than the printed headings indicate, without any indication whatever of the purpose for which the columns are actually used. It is requested that these items of charges collected in silver instead of in gold, and of gold bars issued to depositors, be either eliminated from the abstract sheets or that the column headings be <u>always</u> changed to clearly indicate the character of the data recorded. The confusion above mentioned is largely due to the fact that rather frequent changes of persons who examine the abstract sheets occur.

Attention is invited to such deposits as consist of more than a single bar each, on which more than one refining rate, or more than one method of computing alloy charge, or different methods of determining melting charge, are applied. For such deposits the charges should be indicated, either on the abstract sheet or the assay report, so as to permit ready verification of the amounts imposed; where only the total melting or alloy charge is given, and this total was determined on differing bases, difficulty is frequently experienced in verifying same.

Respectfully.

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

Enc:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES
Denver, Colorado.

Office of
The Superintendent

RECEIPT IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED by the undersigned, from E. P. Leech, Special Disbursing Officer of the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, of 71,767.661 fine ounces gold certificate bars, value $1,483,569.63, to be placed in the coinage processes.

R. J. Grant,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint.

November 28, 1923.

February 16, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co., amount $89.13, covering transportation charges on 14 crates earthenware, Akron, Ohio to Denver, Colo., October 19, 1923, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

For your information I am enclosing copy of letter addressed today to the Deadwood office, which is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of February 15, 1924 requesting a photostat copy of Check No. 552 in favor of the Denver Tramway Company in the amount of $15.00 has been received. Your letter has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States with the request that the photostat be provided.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 19, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

No report from you since Saturday covering deliveries of gold Please wire daily

Grant

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
February 19, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized expend three hundred fifty dollars for borax glass with understanding this is most advantageous to government

Grant

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

February 19, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Kindly be advised that the following amount, representing reimbursement from the Special Fund - Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold, on account of expenses incident to refining silver bullion during the month of January 1924, has been deposited to the credit of the appropriation indicated:

$2,296.80 - Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1924. C.D. #14858, dated February 13, 1924.

This amount is deposited without personal credit and should not be taken into your account current.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 13, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 9 forwarding classification of expenditures of your institution for the fiscal year 1923, in accordance with the classification employed by you, will state that this classification is in greater detail than required for our purposes at the present time. It is essential, also, that the classification be uniform for all the mint service offices in order that it may be consolidated.

There is no objection to keeping your classification along the line reported by you except that modifications necessary to provide the information requested in letter of this office dated February 4 should be made. In most instances your items can be consolidated to meet our needs. In other cases subclassification of certain items will be required such as of symbol 0280--Sundry Supplies, where the following symbols might be used for the items indicated:

02821--Crucibles & other graphite goods.
02822--Other furnace supplies, including fluxes, etc.
02823--Lubricants.

Judging from your classification report it is presumed that alloy copper is included under symbol 0291--Raw Materials; this class is presumed to cover such things as ores, logs, etc. Alloy copper, pig lead, sheet steel, etc., should be included under 0292--Metals.

Attention is also invited to the large amount reported under symbol 0284--Miscellaneous Supplies. This is the third largest item in your contingent appropriation classification and I would appreciate further information as to the principle subitems included therein. The "miscellaneous" classification headings are intended to cover the few small and unimportant items rather than large amounts; large amounts should be more specifically stated, establishing new subheads if necessary, instead of being classed as miscellaneous.

The amount of symbol 1380--Miscellaneous Expenses, also appears to be large in comparison with its associated items, and further information is desired concerning the principal sub-items making up this total.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have your letter of February 9 concerning exchanges of metal in connection with sale of old material to the City Iron & Metal Co. Use of the copper slabs in connection with refining operations is approved.

It is requested that the exchanges in this instance be not considered a precedent for future guidance, as such exchanges are not generally looked upon with favor, purchasers being presumed to make such inspection of materials as they desire at time of submitting offer or at time of delivery, and abiding by the results thereof.

From the information contained in the above mentioned letter it is presumed that the gold and silver content of the returned metal was not a part of the gold and silver charged in the books of account to the Melting and Refining Department or to some other department of the mint. If such is the case, the value of the gold and silver, $203.82, should be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt instead of being turned over to the Melting and Refining Department without charge.

Of course, if the metal in question was included in the bullion fund records as a part of the M. & R. Department gold and silver transferred by me to you, it could properly be turned over to the M. & R. Department without charge. In this connection I would appreciate further information as to how this lot of slabs, containing appreciable values of gold and silver, were included in the lot sold to the City Iron & Metal Co.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 20, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Make gold delivery every day and report by wire every day

Grant

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
UNDER TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

February 20, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 15 enclosing a letter from Mr. Moessner relative to weights for the Seattle Assay Office, please be advised that I have today requested the Director, Bureau of Standards to forward the weights to the Seattle Assay Office, together with the Bureau of Standard's certificate for the weights. Please advise Mr. Moessner of my appreciation of his interest in the matter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 16 enclosing duplicate pencil rubbings of foreign coin, please be advised that the piece appears to be a Turkish coin of the denomination of 20 Piasters.

I am returning the pencil rubbings.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

1-018

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 21, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Clark coiner Philadelphia died twelfth instant Can you spare Wells about ten days to break in new coiner Philadelphia How soon could he start Mailing transportation tonight

Grant
Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126

February 21, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are transportation requests and Pullman orders to cover Mr. Well's trip to Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

1-0715

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
February 25, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Have Wells report to Philadelphia for instructions

Grant

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
1-0716
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126

February 23, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The files of papers covering the appointment of Charles J. Blanchard and Patrick J. Kennon have been mislaid in the Department. Will you be kind enough to send duplicates of your recommendation for these appointments, together with copy of any letter you may have received approving the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

February 27, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Authorized expend one hundred thirty dollars one ton copper sulphate

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

February 27, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following bills of the American Railway Express Company have this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation:

2 boxes - 10 obv. and 10 rev. d.e. dies, #21 to 30; 10 obv. and 10 rev. dime dies, #21 to 30; 10 obv. and 10 rev. nickel dies, #21 to 30; 10 obv. and 10 rev. 1¢ dies #21 to 30, Phila. to Denver, 12-21-23 - - - $6.69

1 box - 10 obv. and 10 rev. d.e. dies, #31 to 40, Phila. to Denver, 1-2-24 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 2.68

1 box - 10 obv. and 10 rev. d.e. dies, #41 to 50 and #51 to 60 respectively, Phila. to Denver 1-9-24 - 2.68

Total-----$12.05

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 29, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Upon receipt of this letter please discontinue forwarding daily reports of coinage to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 4, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1924:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 4,000.00
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	10,000.00
Contingent Expenses- - - - - -	15,000.00
Increase of Compensation - -	2,000.00
Total- - -	$31,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN

Washington,

March 5, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Flag should no longer be at half staff See letter February eighteenth

O'Reilly
Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

March 5, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed please find voucher in favor of the Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co., amount $500.00, covering purchase of 1 complete Armature for DC Motor #12, which has been returned to the Bureau by the General Accounting Office by indorsement attached. Please forward to the Bureau, with return of the voucher and indorsement, copy of purchase order or any correspondence in connection with the purchase of this armature.

Attention is invited to error in stating symbols indicating method or absence of advertising, and form of agreement. The capital letter symbols pertain to form of agreement; the small letter symbols pertain to item "4" of advertising, etc., for example "4b". If those who make purchases and prepare vouchers would become familiar with the use of these reference symbols they could be applied with facility, with a saving of correspondence and delay. Indication should be made on <u>all</u> vouchers of <u>both</u> method of advertising and form of agreement.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

N I GHT MESSAGE

March 10, 1924.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Referring your request purchase anode bags please delay purchase until you receive sample cloth from Philadelphia together with estimate. Wire size of bag required.

Grant
Director.

Cent. Ex. Mint Bureau 1924.

March 10, 1924.

My dear Mr. Shepard:

I am returning your recommendation for the promotion of Mr. Moessner. I should like to have you hold this promotion until I can take the matter up with you later.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

March 11, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copies of form 193, Acquisition and Disposition statements, covering the silver bullion and metal accounts of R. J. Grant for December 1923 and the subsidiary silver bullion statement of Frank E. Shepard for the month of December 1923, with request that amended statements be made to conform with pencil notations thereon. Kindly forward amended statements as soon as possible.

It was noted, upon checking corrected accounts current as returned by you, that on ordinary account current of Mr. Leech a balance of $377.25 was shown at foot of form, as due the United States. This balance is offset by an equal amount due the officer. The correct method of indicating this situation was shown on account current first returned for correction. The original has been changed in this office. Copy is again returned for your information and files, together with copies of other accounts current as requested.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Enc.

March 12, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., amount $1.70, covering freight charges on 1 box, 20 obverse nickel dies, nos. 71 to 90, Philadelphia to Denver, January 24, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1924.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

From this date you may discontinue submitting to this office duplicate of Form 474 B, Memoran dum of U. S. Coin received for Recoinage. The original as rendered to the Treasurer is all that is necessary.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

NIGHT MESSAGE

March 15, 1924.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Philadelphia Mint will ship you ten thousand gold sacks at five cents each and five hundred anode bags same cloth as sample sent at fifteen cents each fob Philadelphia.

GRANT
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1924.

March 17, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 12 I am forwarding herewith Bureau of Pensions Form 3-R 15 to be executed in connection with the death of John C. Cogan.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The Bureau is in receipt of a request from the Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs, Major General McIntyre, that arrangements be made with you whereby Mr. Leopoldo F. Abad, a Philippine Government student under the direction of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, may be permitted to visit your Mint and afforded an opportunity to secure certain data regarding gold and silver refining.

Mr. Abad is a graduate of the College of Mines, University of California, and is under contract with the Philippine Government, at whose expense he has been educated, to return to the Islands next June and accept employment with the Division of Mines, Bureau of Science, Manila. The Director of the Bureau has requested Mr. Abad to secure the information above specified.

Will you please admit Mr. Abad to the operative departments of the Mint and place at his disposal every means of accomplishing the mission upon which he has been sent by his Government.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 24, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, amount $1.77, covering freight charges on 1 carton envelopes, Richmond, Va. to Denver, Colo., January 22, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Kindly be advised that the following amount, representing reimbursement from the Special Fund - Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold, on account of expenses incident to refining silver bullion during the month of February 1924, has been deposited to the credit of the appropriation indicated:

$12,216.42 - Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1924. C. D. #16687, dated March 20, 1924.

This amount is deposited without personal credit and should not be taken into your account current.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1924:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 3,000.
Wages of Workmen - - - - - -	8,000.
Contingent Expenses- - - - -	4,000.
Increase of Compensation - -	1,400.
Total- - -	$16,400.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 1, 1924.

The Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In examining your accounts for the period January 1 to 31, 1924, the following has been noted:

Please forward schedule of gold bars sold for cash, with charges thereon, form 102", copy enclosed and supply forwarded under separate cover.

Abstract sheet of redeposits from the New Orleans Mint covering assay nos. 1 to 55, inclusive, is returned for correction. The "value" column of this page adds to $417,395.31 while correct total apparently should be $417,395.32, which latter amount is actually indicated. Kindly make correction of item found to be understated. With return of abstract sheet please forward copy of form 906-A, Memorandum of Gold Bullion Redeposited, covering this shipment, to accompany the accounts to the General Accounting Office.

For future guidance please be advised that the item "Coin melted for recoinage" on right side of "Gold Coinage Bullion" account is intended to include the full recoinage value of coin transferred to you, as shown on left side of "Coin for Recoinage" account. The item "Recoveries incident to receipt of light weight and mutilated coin as bullion" is intended to carry such recovery on coin purchased by you over the counter.

It is noted that separate ordinary accounts current were rendered for January and for February. All transactions within the usual quarterly periods, pertaining to the same bond, should in future be carried on a single account current unless there are insufficient columns to accomodate all the appropriations.

The revenue item of $63.98 on account of "Deductions on light weight coin purchased for recoinage" was not reported

on Schedule of Revenues for the month of January.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your wire of today in regard to gold sacks, the Philadelphia Mint will start shipping sacks by parcel post not later than next Tuesday and they promised to keep you supplied. It might be well for you to send a formal order for these sacks to Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Delay ordering sleeves and aprons until you receive my letter

Grant
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

April 5, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please be advised that the cost of distributing new or uncirculated minor coin only is payable from the profits on minor coinage, and that transportation costs on circulated coin are payable from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys.

It has just come to the attention of the Bureau that payment has been made, from the minor coinage profits, of express bills covering shipments of circulated minor coin.

Recent cases coming to attention were shipments made during the month of December 1923, all of which, excepting shipment of December 8th, transfer #714, $20,000 in 1¢ pieces to Chicago, consisted of circulated coins. Payment of express charges on most of these shipments was made from the minor coinage profits due to lack of information on copy of bill of lading. No steps for correction of these expenditures will be taken unless required by the General Accounting Office.

In future kindly have indicated on copy of bill of lading which is forwarded to the Bureau whether the coin is circulated or uncirculated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your wire of the 2nd in regard to the purchase of aprons and sleeves for the Denver Mint. If you will remember we took this matter up while you were here. According to a ruling by the Comptroller General issued in January of this year it was decided that laboratory coats intended for the protection of the person or clothing of the employees of the Washington Filtration Plant Laboratory while engaged in their regular duties are personal furnishings and may not be purchased from public funds in the absence of specific appropriation therefor. This decision you will find in copy of the Comptroller General's Decisions, Volume 3, January 1924, which was mailed to you about a month ago.

We have asked the Comptroller for an opinion as to whether we will be allowed to furnish aprons, sleeves and gloves for the Mint Service, and until such time as he has given us this decision I would ask you that no purchases be made of that nature.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized expend three hundred thirty dollars for one ton borax glass

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OR

April 7, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, amount $4.90, covering railroad fare of Mr. Frank E. Shepard, Washington, D. C. to Philadelphia, Pa., March 24, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1924.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

S i r:

Your report on form 474 A of U. S. Coin Received for Melting and Recoining during the quarter ended December 31., 1923, shows that of the item $63,907.50 uncurrent gold coin transferred from the Treasury., there remained $54,755 still unsettled for.

Your report for the quarter ended March 31 carries no indication of settlement for the above mentioned amount. Will you please forward a supplementary report covering this item.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, amount $3.24, covering fare of Hon. Frank E. Shepard, Philadelphia, Pa., to New York, N. Y., March 25, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of The Pullman Company, amount $18.00, covering accomodations furnished Hon. Frank E. Shepard, Denver to Washington, March 18, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., amount $2.68, covering express charges on 10 obverse and 10 reverse double eagle dies, nos. 81 to 90, Philadelphia to Denver, February 29, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 17, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Monthly recapitulation of encumbrances liquidated, as called for in paragraph 5 of Bureau letter of June 6, 1923, for the month of March 1924 has not been received. Kindly forward same as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 18,1924

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

S i r:

One of the mints has made requisition for a stock of cloth lined envelopes for pyx coins.

As cloth lined envelopes are expensive and have to be made to order, it is desirable that the orders be placed as infrequently as practicable and that when placed the quantity of all kinds procured be for a definitely determined period. It is therefore requested that you review your stocks of all kinds of cloth lined envelopes and advise the Bureau as to the quantity of each kind on hand and estimated time of exhaustion of each item. Also that a sample of each item be forwarded with an estimate of the probable quantity needed to cover the period which will end with the close of the fiscal year 1925.

Respectfully,

F. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

April 19, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning herewith your voucher for reimbursement of traveling and subsistence expenses incurred during the period March 18 to April 15, 1924, attention invited to the following.

March 20th - expenditures stated for this date have been over-added by 50¢ - correct addition gives $4.30.

March 24th - hotel bill of $3.00 for night of March 24 is included in expenditures of March 25th (see paragraph 12 travel regulations). By including this $3.00 with other expenses of March 24th an excess subsistence charge of 35¢ results; the maximum allowance of $5.00 plus $1.38 for chair on train and porter fee may be reimbursed making a total of $6.38.

Hotel bill of $9.00 seems to cover nights of March 25, 26 and 27th.

An additional sum of $1.00 may be claimed on March 25th to cover chair on train 75¢, and porter fee of 25¢, bringing total for day to $6.00.

The 50¢ taxi charge on March 26th is not allowable, the regulations requiring that street car be used when available. Hotel bill of $3.00 should be eliminated as it apparently pertains to the night of the 27th; also porter fee of 25¢ as it apparently was paid in connection with Boston trip. This leaves total amount allowable of $3.91.

April 2nd - time of departure from New York should be indicated. The items 55¢ taxi fare and porter fee of 25¢ on arrival from Boston cannot be allowed. The $1.50 hotel charge for one-half day will be passed by this office but is subject to possible disallowance by the General Accounting Office. This is mentioned as a matter of information.

April 3 - time of departure from Chicago should be indicated.

After changes have been made as indicated above the voucher may be paid from your 1924 contingent appropriation and included with other vouchers when forwarded to the Bureau with the regular monthly accounts, and will at that time be formally approved.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Enc.

April 22, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Kindly be advised that the following amount, representing reimbursement from the Special Fund - Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold, on account of extra expense incident to refining silver bullion during the month of March 1924, has been deposited to the credit of the appropriation indicated:

$2,389.51 - Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1924. C. D. #18292, dated April 16, 1924.

This amount is deposited without personal credit and should not be taken into your account current.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authcrized purchase sleeves and aprons sufficient for one month or until decision made by Comptroller

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

April 29, 1924.

The Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, amount $69.98, covering railroad fare of Hon. Frank E. Shepard, New York, N. Y. to Denver, Colo., April 2, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 1st, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1924:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 4,000.00
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	9,500.00
Increase of Compensation - -	1,600.00
Contingent Expenses- - - - - -	4,000.00
Total - -	$19,100.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized expend eight hundred eighty one dollars for graphite goods

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

May 2, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Referring your letter April twenty ninth have you paid insurance on copper and on what authority

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

May 6, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The program for coinage at the Denver Mint will be as follows:

Double Eagles:

May	$8,000,000
June	1,000,000
July	1,000,000
August . . .	8,000,000
September . .	8,000,000
	$26,000,000

The total must not be less than $26,000,000, but it may be more. You will also coin whatever nickel ingots you have on hand up to June 30. After that time it will be necessary on account of short wage appropriation for you to dispense with your extra men.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The Settlement Committee will commence their duties at the Denver Mint on June 12. Mr. Chaffin of Philadelphia will have charge of the work. Please see that all arrangements are made in the different departments to have everything ready for the Settlement Committee so there will be no delay in starting.

It is also desired that you pay particular attention to the Settlement Committee while they are at work to see that they have all the assistance necessary, and that there is no delay in the work. We would like to have all committees finished up by the last day of June.

I would ask to have Mr. E. P. Leach, Chief Clerk in the Denver Mint, assigned as Chairman of the New York Committee, and also that Mr. Moessner be appointed on this Committee, to start work on June 10. If for any reason it is not convenient for you to spare either of these gentlemen I would like to have your suggestion on whom you could send by wire upon receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R. Co., amount $65.06, covering railroad fare of Hon. Frank E. Shepard, Denver, Colo. to Washington, D. C., March 16, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Leave approved.

Grant.

Collect.

May 13, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Kindly be advised that the following amount, representing reimbursement from the Special Fund - Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold, on account of extra expense incident to refining silver bullion during the month of April 1924, has been deposited to the credit of the appropriation indicated:

$2,332.07 - Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1924. C. D. No. 19468, dated May 6, 1924.

This amount is deposited without personal credit and should not be taken into your account current.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In examining your accounts for the period February 1 to March 31, 1924, the following has been noted:

In future when ordering from the General Supply Committee Catalogue the item and class number of the article ordered should be indicated on the voucher. This permits of quicker identification of the items and saves much time where there are many articles of the same nature. Reference is made to voucher #164, February accounts, in favor of Westinghouse Lamp Company, $118.80.

Voucher #171, The Continental Oil Co., $4.73 bears indication of purchase without advertising because articles (gasoline and oil) are patented or copyrighted. Is this correct?

Voucher #183, W. A. Hover & Co., $139.75; please advise as to capacity in which Frank R. Kelsey signs for the company.

On Ordinary account current deposit of $546.22, revenue from sale of by-product, was indicated by C. D. #34. Number of C. D. should have been 36. Correction has been made in this office.

It is noted from vouchers that where purchases are made without competition the form of agreement entered into is not indicated by symbol on face of voucher, a line being drawn through space provided for same. Form of agreement, whether coming under class A, B, or C, should be indicated on face of voucher, and further detailed information given in the appropriate space on reverse of voucher under Form of Agreement. If the agreement is oral that fact should be noted opposite line "C". It is also noted that when bids

are invited the number of bids solicited is not indicated in space provided on reverse of voucher form. Vouchers should be complete as to showing method of or absence of advertising and form of agreement and any necessary information relating thereto. The General Accounting Office has of late paid particular attention to these matters and vouchers are liable to suspension if not properly prepared.

On Bullion Account current the receipts from Light Weight, uncurrent and mutilated coin as bullion were incorrectly indicated as Recoveries incident to receipt of light-weight and mutilated coin as bullion. Same has been corrected in this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of The Pullman Company, amount $19.88, covering accomodations furnished Hon. Frank E. Shepard, New York to Denver, April 2, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1924.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of May 12 recommending that Mr. Oscar Hinrichs, Assistant to the Chief Clerk, be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Superintendent and Chief Clerk, is approved. It is understood that Mr. Hinrichs' signature is on file in this Department. Your letter, together with a copy of this letter will be placed on file with the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau whether or not Mr. Leech desires to have the $4.00 per diem allowance or the $5.00 per diem allowance as Chairman of the Annual Settlement Committee at New York. I would also like the same information from Mr. Moessner. Please wire this information upon receipt of this letter, in order that authority for travel may be properly prepared. Formal letters will go forward to these men within a few days.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F

May 19, 1924.

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

S i r:

Will you please give the Bureau the benefit of the opinion of your receiving clerk as to the predominating denomination of Mexican gold coin contained in the deposits of Mexican gold coin during the past two or three years. Would also appreciate an opinion as to the approximate proportion of such denomination to the total Mexican gold coin deposits.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Wire if you can spare for San Francisco double eagle segment collars and how many

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

May 22,, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I have before me a statement of Mr. W. F. Bowen, Assistant Assayer at the Denver Mint, to the effect that he had hurt his thumb on November 13, 1923. I wish to state that at that time I was here in Washington.

I remember sometime during the late fall, before leaving Denver, of being in the Deposit Melting Room one day when Mr. Bowen was sampling bullion when he claimed to have hurt his hand. I cannot recollect any of the circumstances in the case; in fact did not pay much attention to it, for it was not unusual to have the men who were sampling bullion complain of the drill getting hot, sticking, and the bar flying around and hurting their fingers.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 24, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please be advised that we have withdrawn from the Secretary's Office the resignation of Mr. Horace W. French. Please carry Mr. French on your rolls without pay for the present.

I am enclosing blank form of application to be properly filled out for the reason that I wish to make an effort to obtain for Mr. French retirement on account of total disability, as otherwise he cannot be considered for retirement. If you will have the blanks filled out properly and returned we will make an effort to have the application for retirement on account of total disability approved, and Mr. French will be allowed a proportion of the retirement pay accordingly.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1924.

Mr. Edward P. Leech, Chief Clerk,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The annual settlement of the United States Assay Office at New York is to begin on Tuesday, June 10, 1924. You have been designated to act as Chairman of the Committee.

The basis of the settlement will be a statement on Form 976, to be furnished by the Superintendent, certified as to its correctness by the bookkeeper, of the balances of gold and silver bullion, coin, and other moneys on hand per the books of account, as of the close of business June 30, 1923, and before making entry therein of the gains and losses. Gains or losses will be determined by the relation of this statement to the inventory of bullion and moneys found by the committee to be actually present.

As early as practicable in the settlement you should make arrangements with the Superintendent regarding date for closing deposit receipts for the settlement period and discontinuing payments for deposits, in order to permit definite determination, as of close of settlement, between bullion forming part of the balance as shown by the bookkeeper's records, and that on memorandum for subsequent entry by the bookkeeper.

All the bullion will be weighed and computed and all the coin and other moneys on hand will be weighed or counted by you to ascertain if the amounts called for by the books are on hand. In verifying coin it should not be necessary to open every bag and count its contents; a test bag taken from time to time and counted, in connection with weighing each bag for agreement with the weight shown on its tag, if such weight reasonably approximates the legal weight of its stated contents, should give satisfactory results. Paper currency should be counted piece by piece. It will not be necessary to open the vaults containing coin or bullion now under joint seal of the Superintendent and the representatives of this Bureau. You will accept as correct the values shown by the certificates attached to such joint-sealed vaults if careful examination shows that the seals in question, with their wrappings have not been disturbed. If the Superintendent desires that any coin or bullion verified by the settlement committee be placed under joint seal you will represent this office in such action.

In weighing the bullion delivered in settlement you will carefully note the character and quality of the same; whenever necessary you will take samples for check assay, but it should be noted that chip and drill samples of brittle bullion, so-called "white gold" or bullion over 50 in base metals are liable to give assays differing from the reported finenesses.

You are authorized to call upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balances in the checking accounts of the Superintendents. In order to get the information needed, request should be made in time for preparation of depository statements and for mail to reach you from Washington, by the time the information is required for use, and your message should ask for the mailing of statements or checks paid and balances for all disbursing accounts of the Superintendent to the latest practicable date in order to surely reach you by the date required.

You are directed to make inquiry into the possible sources of gain and loss of bullion in the different divisions of the institution, from the amount charged thereto per the bookkeeper's and other records; stating, so far as practicable, the results of mass melting; the quantity of silver not paid for in gold deposits containing less than 8 thousandths of silver, and the results from all other sources of gain and loss that may come to your notice. Please reconcile these figures, giving estimates where necessary, with the net gains and losses for the year, and indicate whether such differences reasonably reflect normal expectations for the quantity of metal operated upon.

As required during the course of the settlement you will obtain from the officers concerned schedules of the material in their possession, for use in checking material as delivered and for filing with your report. The detail sheets should bear the Assayer's "OK" as to fineness, and should be so labeled, arranged and recapitulated as to permit ready identification, by reference to the supporting sheets, of items in your report.

Before closing the settlement, you will obtain from each officer a certificate of delivery of material on Form 986. You will also obtain from each officer in possession of coin, or gold or silver bullion, not charged to him in the accounts, statement as to source, quantity on hand (which will be verified), and purpose of holding same.

The report of the Committee should show: The quantities of the different kinds of metal delivered to the Committee from the melting and refining department, the amount with which charged per bookkeeper's certificate on Form 976, and the differences, whether gain or loss; the amounts delivered from other divisions of the institution and whether or not they agree with the bookkeeper's certificate; whether the deposits received after closing date of the settlement period and not recorded by the bookkeeper check with the

receipt records; the amounts placed under joint seal; result of the inquiry into the sources of gain and loss with reasons, so far as obtainable, for any apparently excessive loss; and other matters of consequence coming to the attention of the committee.

You will accept and forward with your report a certified inventory of the stores and other property under the control of the Superintendent; this inventory will not be completely checked but a general survey of the materials will be made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1924.

E. P. Leech, Chief Clerk,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Use of order for one way approved.

Grant

Director

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1924.

May 31, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 14, 1924, you are authorized to purchase from the Denver Fire Clay Company, the manufacturer's agent, one type "P", Model 120, Brown Portable High resistance Pyrometer, at a total cost of $254.00.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint

May 31, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 24 you are authorized to sell to the Goldsmith Brothers Smelting and Refining Company 27 sacks "Refinery Lot No. 2" remaining from the November, 1923 Settlement, containing gold, silver, platinum and palladium and approximately 70 per cent copper, it being understood that the Goldsmith Brothers bid is the higher of two received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

S i r:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1924:

Salaries.	$2,500
Wages of Workmen. . . .	9,500
Increase of Compensation	1,000
Contingent Expenses. .	11,000
Total.	$24,000

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

S i r:

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter of May 20, 1924, and quotation from Bureau letter of April 1, 1924, please be advised that the Item on account current "Receipts from Light-weight, Uncurrent and Mutilated Coin as Bullion" is intended to cover the cost value to you of such bullion. Account current item "Recovery Incident to Receipt of Light-weight, Uncurrent and Mutilated Coin as Bullion" is to cover the excess of bullion value over cost to you of the coin so purchased.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing circular issued by the Chief, Division of Appointments relative to the statement required from the applicant's superior officer, in the case of Mr. H. W. French. Will you please make the required statement and return the papers to this office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized expend three hundred twelve dollars for sheet lead

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

June 13, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, amount $45.54, covering freight charges on 1 upsetting machine, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., May 3, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 17, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
~~Philadelphia, Pa~~ Denver, Colorado.

Authorized break joint seal on vault referred to in telegram and make necessary transfer

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

June 18, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., amount $7.60, covering express charges on 1 bale, 500 #2 coin bags, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., April 15, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 28 you are authorized to purchase one portable pyrometer for use in the Deposit, Ingot, and the Refinery melting rooms, and for use in assay furnace work.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 20, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to voucher submitted for reimbursement to your wages appropriation from the Special Fund-Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold, amount $2,503.18, covering expenses incident to refining silver bullion during the month of May 1924.

The records of the Bureau show a balance of $573.30 in the wages appropriation for your institution. In view of this, and of the fact that the amount covered by this voucher will apparently not be needed, the voucher will not be acted upon.

Respectfully,

[signature]

[illegible] Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 24, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized purchase twelve stoneware tanks from General Ceramics Company

O'Reilly
Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

June 25, 1924.

Superintendent United States Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Please furnish Denver Fire Clay Company blank bill of lading to be used in shipping bone ash to Bureau

O'Reilly
Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

June 25, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the D. & R. G. W. R. R. System, amount $272.00, covering freight charges on 261 sacks gold-silver concentrates, Denver, Colo. to Leadville, Colo., March 20, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 28, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Please forward in triplicate list of changes to be made in salaries and wages showing present rates and new rates.

Grant
Director

Cont. Ens. Mint Bureau, 1924.

June 28, 1924.

The Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following bills have this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation:

American Railway Express Co., 3 bales,
1,500 no. 2 coin bags, Philadelphia,Pa.
to Denver, Colo., April 22, 1924 - - - - - $22.52

Chicago,Burlington & Quincy Railroad,
1 box stationery, 2 boxes ink and 2
bundles blotting papers, Washington,D.C.
to Denver, Colo., April 30, 1924 - - - - - 14.08
Total $36.60

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 28, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized purchase muffle type gas furnace and signal equipment

Grant

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 30, 1924.

Superintendent United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Salaries to be paid limited to amounts in appropriation act copy sent you some time ago. Basic salaries those printed in appropriation act. No additions to salary items either for bonus or increased compensation until Congress meets. Wage fund as distinguished from salaries made up of appropriation item ninety thousand plus reclassification increase seventeen thousand and ninety plus any necessary amount from silver fund. Rates of wages to be amounts agreed upon by us as in last column of list

Grant

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126

June 30, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your night letter of June 28th was received this morning and answered as follows:

"Salaries to be paid limited to amounts in appropriation act copy sent you some time ago. Basic salaries those printed in appropriation act. No additions to salary items either for bonus or increased compensation until Congress meets. Wage fund as distinguished from salaries made up of appropriation item ninety thousand plus reclassification increase seventeen thousand and ninety plus any necessary amount from silver fund. Rates of wages to be amounts agreed upon by us as in last column of list."

As stated in the answer the basic salary is the amount set out by Congress for different stated positions. For instance, your basic salary is $4,500. The bookkeeper's basic salary is $2,000. He is also allowed a bonus of $240 per year according to reclassification and will also be entitled to a small increase, but until the bill is signed which passed the last Congress no one on the salary roll can get any increase or bonus. He is simply paid the salary stated in the original bill for appropriation. As I tried to explain to you in my letter of the 23 we hope as long as this bonus and surplus has been voted that the employees on the salary list will get their raise after Congress meets and this bill is signed, and also receive bonus and surplus for the time between July 1st and some time in December.

The wage list will be paid according to the last column on the list sent to you June 23.

If this letter is not entirely plain to you I wish you would take the matter up with Mr. Chaffin, if he is there, as he understands the whole proposition. I have explained the matter to Mr. Leech and he will probably be back before the next pay day.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of June 20 in regard to one muffle type gas furnace, I note what you say in regard to Mr. White making an investigation and getting advice from the Denver Rock Drill Company on tempering.

I took the matter up with Philadelphia while over there last week and I find that they use a pot furnace made by the American Gas Furnace Company, Elizabeth, New Jersey, called Lead Hardened No. 63. They do their tempering in molten lead in a temperature between 1400 and 1500 degrees, and they claim they get much better results in the uniform hardness of the metal.

It might be well for you to look into this before ordering the furnace.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

I have also approved by wire the new police signal system, and am returning copies of the letters from Reed and Candlish.

June 30, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your order of June 20 for 50 platinum thimbles and one tray has been received and forwarded to the New York Assay Office where these thimbles are made. There is only one man in the New York Assay Office who can do this work and he is very busy; has orders ahead to keep him going for six months. If the work is ordered outside you will not only have to pay for the work but for the platinum as we cannot exchange and this will cost more than you will want to pay out of your contingent fund. If you cannot get along from four to six months without these goods I will see what can be done to hurry them along or get them on the outside.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 11, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Regulations provide leave of absence can be granted only without additional expense to Government Cannot approve appointment temporary telephone operator

Grant

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

1—1738

July 1, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1925:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,300.00
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - - -	10,800.00
Contingent Expenses- - - - - - - - -	4,000.00
Total- - - - -	$20,100.00

The amount requested and advanced under the salaries appropriation covers approximately one and one-half (1½) months apportionment, while that requested and advanced under the wages and contingent appropriations approximates one (1) month's requirements. No monnies will be available during the current fiscal year under the Increased Compensation appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with directions of the Treasury Department Budget Officer, based on the apportionment Act of February 27, 1906, this office has apportioned the appropriations of your institution for the fiscal year 1925 as follows, for the first two quarters:

	Salaries	Wages of Workmen	Contingent
Amount appropriated:	$43,200.00	$90,000.00	$50,000.00
Less-Deduction for retirement	827.50	2,250.00	
Amount available - - - - - - -	$42,372.50	$87,750.00	$50,000.00
1st Quarter	10,250.00	26,150.00	15,000.00
2d "	10,250.00	26,150.00	12,000.00
Reserve	1,400.00		

Mint Service appropriations will not hereafter be chargeable with stationery costs.

You will later be advised, probably in December, concerning such apportionment as may be made for the last two quarters of the fiscal year. Additional amounts were provided for the salaries appropriation and for the wages appropriation in a bill which passed both House and Senate near the close of the session, but which by inadvertance failed to receive the signatures of House and Senate officers and the President, and therefore failed to become law. It is anticipated that the amounts in question will be enacted into appropriation law when the Congress reconvenes in December; until that time it will not be possible to pay employees whose compensation is provided for in the regular salaries appropriation any amounts except those provided in the Treasury and Post Office Department's Appropriation Act approved April 4, 1924, a copy of which has been forwarded you heretofore. It is expected that the amounts provided in the bill which failed to become law will be made retroactive so as to apply as of the beginning of the fiscal year. No funds will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1924 under the appropriation heretofore known as Increased Compensation.

The changes in compensation will be effected without further reference to the Bureau or to the Civil Service Commission, and no additional action will be required unless individual cases are later brought to attention.

If amounts should not be obligated during the quarters for which apportioned it is understood that they will be available for subsequent use. The amounts apportioned are net; that is, if reimbursements are received for supplies furnished or for work performed the amounts received may be considered as added to the apportionments of the quarters in which amounts are received.

It is directed that no obligation be incurred against any appropriation during any quarter which would encroach upon apportionments of subsequent quarters or overobligate the appropriation total, also that no obligation be created against the amount shown as a reserve, without previous authority, requested and obtained through this office. Should conditions develop which would warrant the use of a part or all of the reserve, or an amendment to the apportionment, please make recommendation to this office with full explanation of the reasons therefor, in order that the Bureau may be in position to take the matter up with the Budget Officer. Strict compliance with the requirements, above stated, is expected by the Budget Bureau as well as by this office.

The Bureau has not yet been instructed by the Budget Officer as to manner of reporting liquidation of encumbrances during the fiscal year 1925 and you will later be advised concerning same. Until such advice is received please continue the practice in effect during the fiscal year 1924.

Attention is particularly invited to the paragraph in Bureau letter of June 6, 1923, pertaining to the setting up of encumbrances, and their liquidation, on account of transportation of passengers, freight and express. The procedure therein directed should be carefully followed in order to avoid possibility of a deficit where appropriations are running close to the limit.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Since writing you Saturday it occurred to me that before making any changes in the Denver pay roll that it would be necessary to take the matter up with the Reclassification Board. I am going to Philadelphia and New York in the morning and will not get back until the last of the week and may not be able to get in touch with the Board before it is too late for the first pay roll. For that reason I suggest that you do not make any changes in my original list, except in the case of White. The Reclassification Board put him in Class 11, which would mean $2800, and the cut was a mistake of mine and unintentional.

I will leave here on the 15th for Denver and expect to arrive there on the 18th sometime. Whatever changes the Board recommends we can make on the next pay roll.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE VRI TEN:

Washington,
July 8, 1924.

Superintendent United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Make no change in payroll sent you June twenty third except White should be twenty eight hundred See letter seventh

Grant

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 8, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized break seal compartment sixteen storage vault

O'Reilly
Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126

1-6738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 10, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Bureau prefers continuation present arrangement payroll

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.
1-6738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

July 10, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following bills have this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation:

American Railway Express Co., 3 bales,
1500 #2 gold bags, Philadelphia, Pa.
to Denver, Colo., April 28, 1924 - - - - $22.20

American Railway Express Co., 1 box,
3000 #2 gold bags, Phila. Pa. to Denver,
Colo., May 7, 1924 and 1 box, mucilage,
Washington, D.C. to Denver, Colo., May
6, 1924 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 51.02

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.
Co., 1 box, printed forms, Washington, D.C.
to Denver, Colo., May 3, 1924 - - - - - - 5.07
Total $78.29

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 23, 1924.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith duplicate and triplicate copies of the contract entered into with the Public Service Company of Colorado for supplying your Mint with Light, Power and Gas during the fiscal year 1925. The Original of this contract has this day been filed with the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 29, 1924

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

S i r:

It is noted from your report on form #61, of bullion receipts during the quarter ended June 30, that credit has been given for gold and silver produced in the Isle of Pines; gold 4.975 ounces, and silver .65 ounces.

Reference to the assay report indicates that this material was deposited by some person in the United States. If you have definite information that this material was actually mined in the Isle of Pines, will you please let the Bureau have the benefit of such information?

We have had no prior information that gold and silver were mined in the Isle of Pines and do not consider it advisable to go on record to that effect unless we can definitely support it as fact. Unless you can definitely support the production of gold and silver in the Isle of Pines, it is considered advisable that this item be credited to jewelers' bars or scrap material.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, amount $15.85, covering freight charges on the following shipments, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation:

1 bar tool steel, Pittsburgh, Pa.
to Denver, Colo., May 21, 1924 - - $4.93

1 box letterheads, Wash., D.C. to
Denver, Colo., May 13, 1924 - - - 2.95

6 cartons envelopes, Richmond, Va.
to Denver, Colo., June 16, 1924 - - 7.97
Total - - - $15.85

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

s

July 31, 1924

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The following bills of the American Railway Express Company have this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1924 contingent appropriation:

1 box, 2,900 #2 coin bags, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., May 25, 1924 - - - - - - - - - - - - - $48.19

1 box, 100 anode bags, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., June 6, 1924 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 11.46

Total - - $59.65

Respectfully,

Mary McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1925:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 3,500.00
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	10,800.00
Total - - - -	$14,300.00

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1924

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Your courteous letter of July 29th, relative to your satisfaction with the services of Mr. Darner as a member of the Settlement Committee, has been received and is a great gratification to this Bureau. Upon the Director's return to the Bureau I shall take pleasure in calling his attention to the letter.

Mr. Darner has been shown the letter and I am sure will find in it an incentive to continue to be the credit we think him to be to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peck

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado;

S i r:

It has come to the attention of the Bureau that Mr. Hinrichs, who was designated to act as Superintendent in the absence of yourself and of the Chief Clerk, has signed checks and statements as "Deputy" Superintendent. Whoever is designated to act in your place should sign as "Acting" Superintendent.

This letter is being sent merely to avoid any confusion in the future.

Respectfully,

W. M. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 4, 1924.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

S i r:

The Comptroller General has requested that a certificate on future bills for reimbursement of appropriations from the "Special Fund, Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold," be rendered as follows:

> "I certify that the above expenses have been incurred by me in the amount above specified or the services performed as stated; that they are in accordance with the orders therefor and that the amounts charged are just, reasonable and in accordance with the records of this office."

Respectfully,

M. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

August 7, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 4 you are authorized to purchase one lead hardening furnace No. 63, at a cost of $183.00, f.o.b. Denver, from the American Gas Furnace Company.

Respectfully,

D. M. Roth

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 4, please be advised that Mr. Minrichs name in typewriting as "Deputy" was not prepared in this office and we were not aware that the card was sent out in that form.

The Bureau does not mean to attach undue importance to this matter by troubling you with further correspondence. We merely desire to have a uniform practice followed in the service. The Bureau has requested the Treasurer to pass the checks.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 11, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Your nineteen twenty six estimates received Stop See Bureau letter February fourth last and forward expenditure classification to conform with specified subheads

O'Reilly
Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

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August 11, 1924

Superintendent,

United States Mint,

Denver, Colo.

S i r:

Will you please furnish for the annual report of the Director, the number of fine ounces and value of commercial and certificate bars made by the Denver Mint during the fiscal year 1924.

Respectfully,

W. H. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Department counting on at least eight million in gold from you this month

O'Reilly
Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1924.

August 16, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 11 relative to two Ashcroft Steam-engine Indicators, Nos. 6335 and 6336, with case, springs and scales, the Philadelphia Mint advises the Bureau that they can make use of this property. It is understood that the cost of transportation will be a charge against the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 15, 1924

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau has not received the usual monthly report of unrefined bullion and foreign silver coin receipts for the month of July, 1924. Will you kindly forward same at once and take steps to see that this report is rendered promptly at the close of each month?

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 18, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of August 14th, showing the fine ounces and value of commercial and certificate bars made during the past fiscal year, has been received.

Will you also kindly furnish this office with the number of such bars made? Please see table at top of page 23, last year's annual report.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills amounting to $0.69, covering insurance on shipments of minor coin, valued at $14,000.00, during the months of June and July, 1924.

Checks should be drawn in favor of the payees, and in the amounts, indicated on reverse of vouchers, and should be forwarded to Marsh and McLennan.

Respectfully,

M. W. McReally

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please refer to the foot note on page 60 of the last annual report of the Director of the Mint and advise the Bureau of the number of deposits, redeposits, etc., at your institution during the past fiscal year. The number included in your regular report apparently is the number of deposit items received instead of the number of assay reports on the metal received.

In last years annual report the number of deposits at your institution was inadvertently omitted incident to the correspondence for obtaining the figures on a correct basis.

Please note the basis of these reports for future guidance.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-D

August 29 , 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following bills of the American Railway Express Company have been sent to the General Accounting Office for settlement, chargeable to your appropriations as indicated:

Contingent Expenses at Denver, 1925.
Envelopes from Rockville, Conn.,
July 2. . . . . $0.73.
Coinage Dies from Philadelphia,
July 3. . . . . 2.76.

Respectfully,

Wm. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1924.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following amounts under the appropriations indicated, to meet your expenses during the fiscal year 1925:

Salaries		$ 1,450.00
Wages		9,300.00
Contingent		2,000.00
	Total	12,750.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your accounts for the quarter ended June 30th have been examined and the following is brought to attention:

The last sheet of one copy of your bullion account current is enclosed herewith for amendment as per pencil notations and return; part of the coin received in lieu of minor metal consumed was on recoinage instead of new coinage.

The net value of deposit No. 1906 of June 10th is carried on the abstract sheet as $56,773.41; the correct amount is $56,773.28 as per deposit certificate; the excess of 13¢ was carried throughout the remainder of the abstract sheets and the recapitulation. Correction has been made in this office.

With regard to the account current record of prepaid bullion, it is requested that in future both the opening balances and the closing balances be stated in two items, one the regular bullion and the other the prepaid bullion in value only.

It is noted that in the bullion fund cash account the value of the M. & R. sweeps sold, special assay charges, and receipts from old material sold have been shown as both receipts and disbursements. Items of this nature pertain only to the ordinary accounts and should appear only therein, unless, in order to keep from carrying cash through the streets, such cash collections are purchased by a bullion fund check and the bullion fund check used to obtain certificate of deposit. In such cases items of this character should appear on the right side of the cash account and on the left side of the depositary account. No change of the account current need be made in this instance.

A number of warrants were signed during the latter part of April by W.F.Bowen, for the Assayer, but without indicating the title "Acting Assayer." Attention is invited in this connection to sec. 3502, R. S., When a person is authorized to act for another he should always sign as "Acting Assayer" or "Acting Superintendent" as the case may be.

It appears to be the practice at the Denver Mint in cases where a deposit runs slightly over the round 100 ounces in weight, thus calling for an additional 10¢ charge in accordance with the table of charges, to ignore this additional 10¢ charge. The charges should be applied impartially as per the table. Instances of the above in your accounts for the last quarter are deposits No. 1534-1 and 1879-2.

A number of instances were noted where the figures on abstract sheets and those on assay reports differed, corrections having been made on the abstract sheets but not on the assay reports. Instances of this kind during the past quarter were deposits Nos. 1875 and 1899.

Voucher No. 240 in favor of Weicker Transfer Co. carries indication that the price is "Customary low price to Government" Voucher No. 242 in favor of Kennicott Patterson Co. is accompanied by bids from both Weicker and Kennicott, Weicker's bid being 100% nighter than that of Kennicott. It is suggested that possibly competition on other hauling may also result in lower prices.

On the above voucher and various others the method of advertising is indicated by the figure "4" without reference to any of the reasons for lack of advertising, some of which are printed, with small reference letters, at foot of voucher form. Where the reference number "4" is used, reason should always be given for absence of advertising.

Voucher No. 268 in favor of Julius Pearse Fire Department Supply Co., for 2 1/2 inch rubber hose -- $43.50, carries reason for absence of advertising as reference "4b." Please advise if it is to be understood that the purchased hose is patented.

Voucher No. 314 in favor of Joseph Dixon Crucible Co., is accompanied by two bids, one by the Dixon Crucible Company and the other by the Bartley Crucible Co. The Dixon bid was accepted on all items although the Bartley bid on bell stirrers was materially lower, even after considering the difference in freight rate as per Bartley letter. No reason was given for failure to accept the lower bid on the stirrers. Explanation is requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

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September 12, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of September 8th, concerning your accounts for the quarter ended June 30th, and particularly to paragraph concerning voucher no. 314, in favor of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Co., it is noted that the letter of the Bartley Crucible Co. which accompanied their bid attached to the above voucher, read in part as follows:

"* * * this is a package shipment and, naturally, takes the less-than-carload rate, which is $2.61½ per 100# from this city. However, in order to bring these prices down, we are allowing you freight to Chicago, which is 94½¢ per 100."

It thus appears that this shipment was not based on carload rates. Reference to the Dixon bid shows that they were ready to make partial delivery which indicates that they also were not counting on carload shipment rates.

While there are doubtless occasions when bids are made on condition of acceptance of the whole quantity or none, there is nothing to indicate that such condition was contemplated in these tenders. This appears to have been an occasion when the interests of the Government would have been best served, because of the saving, had the acceptances been split.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

September 15, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The coinage program for the Denver Mint has been changed.

You will cease the coinage of gold after October 1, and coin dimes and quarters, to the amount of about $275,000 worth each month, October, November and December. This amount can be split up to accommodate your adjusting scales, except that if there is a greater demand for one denomination than the other you will coin that denomination. For instance, if you see you are getting low on dimes, coin dimes, and the same with quarters.

The program as it stands now is double eagles from January to June, or Settlement time, and your quota will be $46,000,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 15, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letter of September 11 in regard to the John Zadra case, I do not see that there is anything left for us to do except to take the suggestion of Mr. Blackman and settle the matter the easiest way you can. Any solution of the case that will be satisfactory to yourself and Mr. Dayton will be satisfactory to me, as long as it does not involve the Government or ourselves in any further trouble.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 15, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I wish you would have Mr. Wells write out a detailed report of the process of coining double eagles from the time the ingots leave the make-up room until the coins are delivered to the Treasury. Make this report on a production of $8,000,000 per month.

First, state the number and size of ingots received per day; the number of times the ingots go through the break-down rolls and the finishing rolls; the number of men employed in the rolling room, including cutting; the number of men employed in the annealing room, and the time it takes to anneal, whether annealed once or twice; the temperature in the annealing furnace. The number of men in the shaving room and the amount of blanks handled. The number of men in the adjusting room and the amount of coin handled. The number of men in the press room with full details of what is done there. Also the amount of clippings and and the number of rejected coins that go back to the M. & R. Also any other information that he thinks will be of interest on this matter.

Respectfully yours,

F. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 17, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Melting and Refining Department operation settlement statement (form 900) of the Denver Mint for the period July 1 to December 1, 1923, shows gold on hand at settlement 1,352,081.912 ounces and silver 3,122,378.44 ounces. Statement on the same form number, December 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, shows as on hand at settlement of December 1, 1923, gold 1,789,991.335 and silver 5,968,983.25 ounces. Will you please forward detailed information to reconcile these differences.

Information is also requested in explanation of the Coining Department differences on form 901 for the same periods as above, the balance shown to have been on hand at settlement December 1, 1923, being 281,841.432 ounces gold while the amount taken up on the form for the subsequent period was 162,728.574 ounces.

Attention is invited to the large percentage of loss, in excess of 17 ounces per 1,000, on nickel charged to the M. & R. Department.

An early reply is requested.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

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September 18, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Under date of August 29th the various vendors of silver under terms of the Pittman Act who had not completed their deliveries were notified that the regulations require all deliveries to be completed on or before October 1, 1924.

Accordingly you will not receive deliveries of silver under terms of the Pittman Act, on tenders heretofore accepted, after October 1, 1924.

In preparing your report of receipts and undelivered balances for September please include therewith. October 1st.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT,
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing six samples of standard gold. Please assay these samples carefully and send the certificate to this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Night September 22, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized to engage substitute telephone operator Pay from wages
otherwise Miss McNaw cannot draw pay for sick leave

Grant
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

September 25, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The following bills of the American Railway Express Co. have this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation:

1 bale, 50 prs. fire mitts and 25 prs. asbestos mitts, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., 7-29-24 - - - - $12.09

1 box, 10 obverse dime dies, nos. 86 to 95, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., 8-11-24 - - - - - - - - 1.02

Total - - - - - $13.11

Respectfully,

N. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 29, 1924.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Take up with District Secretary case of Boswell If he agrees to transfer Boswell watchman to helper I will recommend approval to Secretary Treasury Other changes referred to your letter twenty sixth approved effective October first Send formal recommendations in triplicate to cover above.

Grant
Director

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

September 29, 1924.

Superintendent United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Since wiring you this morning Civil Service Commission advises Boswell may be transferred from watchman to helper due to fact he was originally appointed from third grade subclerical list

Grant
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

September 29, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your several letters of recent date. Your settlement of the John Zadra case is satisfactory to me, and I cannot see where there is any chance of a come-back. I am glad to get the matter settled up, though I think if I were on the ground I would stand him off for another year.

Regarding the sweeps, it would be interesting to know the result of your experiments on these sweeps. Until you are thoroughly satisfied that the sweeps can be treated without shipping the tailings, I would not recommend any expense for such treatment. The sweeps question is a serious one, and I do not believe the sweep treatment now in use in New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco pay for themselves. In other words, I think if the material was carefully cleaned before going to the sweep cellar it would be much cheaper to simply grind the sweeps and ship them direct, as you are doing, than to wet and dry them. If we can get a process that will take the values out, leaving a tailing of one ounce, or $20.00, with a treatment charge of not to exceed $25.00, we will be making money; otherwise there is no use in treating it.

Your report covering the process of the coining department was just what I wanted and will be a great help in making comparisons. If you will give me the following additional information the report will be complete:-

The schedule of the break-down rolls and the percentage of lightweight coin returned to the melter and refiner. I would also like to have the M & R make a similar report for his department on double eagle ingots from the time the metal leaves the make-up room until it is delivered to the coiner.

The Assay Office has an order in for platinum supplies, which has been partially filled. I wish you would find out just exactly what platinum utensils are required at the present time and how much old platinum you have to send us in return. I am

trying to get this platinum business cleaned up and I wish you would give me this information at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 27 you are authorized to purchase from the General Ceramics Co., two silver flat cell tanks of acid proof chemical stoneware at an approximate cost of $32.00 each.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1925:

Salaries - - - - - -	$ 3,500.00
Wages of Workmen - -	10,800.00
Contingent Expenses-	3,000.00
Total- - -	$17,300.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, amount $16.12, covering express charges on 75 pairs asbestos mitts and 75 pairs fire mitts, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., August 20, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Kindly be advised that the following amount, representing reimbursement from the Special Fund - Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold, on account of extra expense incident to refining silver bullion during the months of July and August, 1924, has been deposited to the credit of the appropriation indicated:

$4,675.76 - Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1924. C. D. #26616, dated September 27, 1924.

This amount is deposited without personal credit and should not be taken into your account current.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, amount $15.01, covering express charges on 2 boxes, 100 anode bags and 50 pairs fire mitts, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., August 29, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Your letters of October 4 and 7 have been received. We will try and have the platinum order filled at once and shipped to you at the earliest possible moment.

The Report of the M and R department on gold ingots seems to be very complete and just what we want. The work done and the number of men employed compares favorably with the other institutions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

According to your daily statement the number of quarter dollars and dimes on hand in the Denver mint is getting small, and the demand is liable to be heavy between now and Christmas. You are hereby asked to coin as many quarter dollars as you can handle with the automatic scales on one shift, and also to coin all the dimes possible without putting on any extra men.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following bills have this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation:

Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1 carton envelopes, Richmond, Va. to Denver, Colo., July 28, 1924 . . . . . $ 2.51

American Railway Express Co., 1 bale, 100 anode bags, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., Sept. 12, 1924. . . . . 9.48

Total $11.99

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Kindly be advised that the following amount, representing reimbursement from the Special Fund - Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold, on account of extra expense incident to refining silver bullion during the month of September, 1924, has been deposited to the credit of the appropriation indicated:

$2,435.15 - Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1925. C. D. #27308, dated October 8, 1924.

This amount is deposited without personal credit and should not be taken into your account current.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill amounting to $1.80, covering insurance on shipments of minor coin, valued at $37,000.00, during the month of September 1924.

Checks should be drawn in favor of the payees, and in the amounts, indicated on reverse of voucher, and should be forwarded to March and McLennan.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., amount $1.49, covering express charges on 1 box, U. S. coinage dies, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., September 20, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1925:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 3,600.00
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	10,800.00
Contingent Expenses- - - - - -	4,000.00
Total - -	$18,400.00

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co., amount $3.12, covering freight charges on 1 box, 50 pairs fire mitts, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., September 13, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

W. M. McPhail

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, amount $7.84, covering freight charges on 4 bales, 100 pairs asbestos mitts and 75 pairs fire mitts, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., September 23, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In connection with the examination of your accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1924, the following is brought to attention:

The second sheet of wages payroll for the period August 1 to 15 is returned for correction. Deduction of $1.74 account retirement is indicated opposite name of R. M. Clark, $5.35 per diem, who, per notation in "Remarks" column is not within the Act of May 22, 1920. From column totals on this page he apparently was paid the full amount, $69.55, deduction having not actually been made, but his receipt is for only $67.81.

In future when preparing payroll covering employees paid from the salaries appropriation kindly have indicated on reverse of voucher form, opposite the item "Appropriation", the full name of appropriation chargeable, viz: "Salaries, Mint at Denver, 1925."

Duplicate voucher #344, covering tanks from the General Ceramics Co., $1236.00, is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to transfer on November 13 to the Philadelphia Mint 500,000 ounces subsidiary silver bullion at your average price of such bullion on October 31, $0.64281820, equal to $321,409.10; also to transfer from the Philadelphia Mint to your institution at the same time 500,000 ounces of Pitman Act bullion at $1 per ounce.

No bullion will be shipped. These transfers are for the purpose of making available at Philadelphia Mint subsidiary silver bullion on hand but not required for immediate use at your institution.

A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint for their guidance in recording the transfers in question, and a copy to the Treasurer of the United States for his information.

Respectfully,

Wm M. McCauley

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following bills of the Union Pacific Railroad Company have this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation:

3 bales, 1500 #2 coin bags, Phila.,
Pa. to Denver, Colo., Oct. 3, 1924---$ 7.08

1 bale, 100 anode bags, Phila., Pa.
to Denver, Colo., Oct. 11, 1924------ 3.24
Total-------$10.32

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of contract with the Western Iron Foundry Company for iron castings for the fiscal year 1925.

The single item should read: - "Iron Castings, per pound, $0.06," and not per cwt.

The original of this contract has been approved by the Secretary and is now in the files of the General Accounting Office. It will therefore be necessary to execute a new contract and forward it to the Bureau in substitution for the contract now on file.

Please correct letter of authority from this Bureau dated July 10, 1924 to carry this item at $0.06 per pound instead of cwt.

The return of the new contract should be expedited in order that vouchers may not be delayed in settlement.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1924.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Stop coinage quarters and increase coinage dimes nickels and pennies Reduce force to regular

Grant

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

November 19, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Kindly be advised that the following amount, representing reimbursement from the Special Fund - Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold, on account of extra expense incident to refining silver bullion during the month of October, 1924, has been deposited to the credit of the appropriation indicated:

$2,530.60 - Wages of Workmen, Mint at Denver, 1925. C.D. #29418, dated Nov. 12, 1924.

This amount is deposited without personal credit and should not be taken into your account current.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill amounting to $0.71, covering insurance on shipments of minor coin, valued at $14,500.00, during the month of October 1924.

Checks should be drawn in favor of the payees, and in the amounts, indicated on reverse of voucher, and should be forwarded to Marsh and McLennan.

Respectfully,

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R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your request of yesterday that the order for Quarter dies be canceled, I found that the shipment had been made from the Mint at Philadelphia before we could overtake it.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 18 in regard to paying out $2.50 gold pieces please be advised that we are not authorized to pay out coins except on the order of the Treasurer of the United States. I would suggest that the Carbonate National Bank be advised to make application to the Treasurer, as my understanding is that the Treasurer wishes to have you hold the $500.00 in these coins you now have. In the absence of specific authority from the Treasurer please make no payments in this denomination.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 15, 1924, concerning Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-17305-T, dated November 4, 1924, for the period February 1 to March 31, 1924. In June last the Bureau took up with the General Accounting Office the matter of suspensions in your accounts of items similar to those now suspended, and thought the explanation given was satisfactory as suspensions then under consideration were removed. We are again taking up this matter of telephone bills with the General Accounting Office and trust that the suspensions will be removed at the time of settlement of your accounts for the April-June quarter.

Original copy of Certificate of Settlement #C-17305-T is being returned for your files. The Bureau receives copies of these certificates direct from the General Accounting Office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the sum of $1,800.00 from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1924" in order that outstanding encumbrances of the fiscal year 1924 may be liquidated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., covering express charges on the following shipments, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation:

1 box, 10 obv. and 10 rev. quarter dollar dies, nos. 61 to 70 and 46 to 55, respectively, Phila., Pa. to Denver, Colo., Oct. 6, 1924------$1.79

1 box, 10 Obv. and 10 rev. quarter dollar dies, nos. 71 to 80 and 56 to 65, respectively, Phila., Pa. to Denver, Colo., Oct. 7, 1924------ 1.79

Total------$3.58

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following, to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1925:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 3,500.00
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	10,500.00
Total - -	$14,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1924.

Superinterdent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., amount $3.15, covering express charges on 1 box, 15 obv. quarter dollar dies, nos. 81 to 95, 15 rev. quarter dollar dies, nos. 66 to 80, and 10 obv. dime dies, nos. 136 to 145, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., Oct. 23, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 1 please be advised that Circular No. 52, "Information respecting United States Bonds, Paper Currency, Coin, Production of Precious Metals, etc." is not available, the edition having been exhausted.

Twelve copies of Department Circular No. 55, "Issue, Exchange and Redemption of Money" have been forwarded under separate cover.

Respectfully,

H. M. McBilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of December 1 erroneously addressed to the Treasurer of the United States has today, 4:15 p.m., been delivered to this office. Requests for advance of funds from Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, should be addressed to the Director of the Mint, who in turn refers the letter to the Secretary's office. The Bureau has forwarded your letter with the request that the transfer may be made special.

Respectfully,

H. P. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Increase coinage dimes and cents to capacity eight hours

Grant
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

December 9, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 22, 1924, in reply to your letter of November 15, 1924, concerning Certificate of Settlement of Account #C-17305-T, dated November 4, 1924, for the period February 1 to March 31, 1924. I am enclosing herewith copy of letter received from the General Accounting Office advising that suspensions made in the above account will be removed in a later settlement of your accounts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the sum of $3,210.00 from the appropriation "Salaries, Mint at Denver, 1925", this amount being one-half of the additional appropriation provided for employees paid under the salaries appropriation, in lieu of the $240.00 per annum bonus and other salary adjustments for the current fiscal year. The portion which accrues between July 1 and December 15, 1924 should be covered by a special payroll which may be paid December 15th or as soon thereafter as practicable. The portion which accrues for the period December 16 to 31, 1924, should be included with the regular payroll, as a part of the pay at new rates of which you will be advised at an early date.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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P.S. Special pay-roll to be made on regular pay-roll form inserting the following heading at the top: "Salary Adjustments Contemplated by Act December 6, 1924 - Public No. 293 - 68th Congress (House Bill No. 9561)."

Opposite the name of each employee should be placed both the old rate of pay and the new.

December 11, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Replying to your letter of the first in regard to a vacuum cleaner, the table of values showing savings made by the vacuum cleaner does not warrant this expenditure. You show a saving of $64.00, but you do not show what it costs, and I presume if you would figure up the amount of time for running this machine and the power used, the expense would be greatly in excess of the saving. For that reason I shall have to refuse to grant the request.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 8 in regard to platinum supplies, while over in New York last week Mr. Wagor told me that he was shipping said supplies to your office that day, and I presume you have received them by this time. It is necessary that you return the amount of platinum he calls for in order to keep the accounts straight.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following salaries will be paid to the salaries employees of your institution in accordance with the provisions of the Act approved Decmeber 6, 1924, "Making additional appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, to enable the heads of the several departments and independent establishments to adjust the rates of compensation of civilian employees in certain of the field services."

Bellmap, Fred D.	Clerk	$2,150
Bowen, W. F.	Asst. Assayer	2,500
Brierley, George F.	Deposit Weigh Clerk	2,300
Dendkla, Harry J.	Bookkeeper	2,400
Ford, Edwin C.	Asst. Cashier	2,150
Hall, Rodney E.	Assayer's Assistant	2,400
Himrichs, Oscar	Asst. Chief Clerk	2,300
Krueger, Carl H.	Clerk	1,860
Leech, Edward P.	Chief Clerk	3,000
Milsom, Joseph W.	Supt. M. & R. Dept.	3,000
Moynahan, Ambrose E.	Assayer	3,300
Muncaster, William P.	Clerk	2,100
Phillips, Benjamin M.	Cashier	2,800
Piatt, Virginia	Private Secretary	1,500
Shepard, Frank M.	Superintendent	5,200
Spencer, George N.	Clerk	1,860
St. John, Farnum	Clerk	2,300
Wells, John C.	Coiner	3,000
Whitney, George R.	Clerk	2,100

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Run twelve hours on dimes and cents favoring dimes beginning sixteenth for balance week Get out all you can

Grant
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

December 13, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the American Railway Express Co., amount $217.67, covering express charges on shipments of $15,000.00 in nickels to Dallas, Texas, during the month of October, 1924.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of July 2, 1924, advising of the apportionments of the appropriations for the support of your institution for the first two quarters of the fiscal year 1925. The additional appropriations provided in Act which failed to receive the signatures of House and Senate officers and the President, as was advised in above letter, have been made finally available by Act of December 6, 1924. Quarterly apportionments of your salaries and wages appropriations, as amended to include the additional amounts available, are given below; also the apportionment of the contingent appropriation. The corrected amounts which have been deducted for retirement, based on the increased appropriations, are also indicated. It should be understood that these are the complete figures for the year and your records should be amended accordingly:

	Salaries	Wages of Workmen	Contingent
Amount appropriated:	$ 49,620.00	$107,090.00	$50,000.00
Less-Deduction for retirement-	955.50	2,677.25	
Amount available - - - - - - - -	48,664.50	104,412.75	50,000.00
1st Quarter	10,250.00	26,150.00	15,000.00
2d "	13,384.00	26,150.00	12,000.00
3d "	11,815.50	26,150.00	11,000.00
4th "	11,815.00	25,962.75	12,000.00
Reserve	1,400.00		

Respectfully,

M. McFall

for R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1924.

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Two Messages

Superintendent, United States Mint, Denver, Colorado
Superintendent, United States Mint, San Francisco, California.

Immediately after Christmas start coinage double eagles until further notified

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1925.

December 18, 1924.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized to purchase borax glass lowest bidder.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Govt. Ptg. Mint Bureau 1925.

December 20, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, amount $3.19, covering freight charges on 1 bale, 100 anode bags, Philadelphia, Pa. to Denver, Colo., October 20, 1924, has this date been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1925 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill amounting to $0.68, covering insurance on shipments of minor coin, valued at $14,000.00, during the month of November 1924.

Checks should be drawn in favor of the payees, and in the amounts, indicated on reverse of voucher, and should be forwarded to Marsh and McLennan.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 26, 1924.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of December 16 you are authorized to purchase one carload of copper for minor coinage, this copper to be bought in the regular way after securing two or three bids.

If the cathode copper can be bought cheaper than the ingot copper don't you think it would be better to buy the cathode so that in case of shortage for alloy it could be used. Investigate this matter and use your best judgment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir;

Please make and ship at your earliest convenience to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City pure silver inquartation discs in the following weights:

10	oz.	400	mgs.	(actual	weight	200	mgs.)
5	"	200	"	"	"	100	"
5	"	100	"	"	"	50	"

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1924.

Hon. Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I trust you all had a merry and pleasant Christmas, and I wish you a bright and prosperous New Year.

You are expected to start on gold coinage as soon as possible, and you will coin not less than 8,000,000 doulbe eagles per month, and whatever minor coins you can handle. This program will probably be in force until settlement time.

They are having some trouble in ventilating the deposit melting room in Philadelphia. This room is on the top floor and most of the time there are four or five furnaces running, sometimes six or seven, and the room gets unbearably hot. They have never installed a large fan or blower for fear of carrying off values. It occurred to me that they might be able to use the same system you have in Denver, so I wish you would take the matter up with Mr. White and if he thinks our system would work have him send us blue prints with any suggestions he wishes to make that would be beneficial. If the present plan is not feasible he might suggest some other that is.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1924.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 1, 1924, concerning the setting up and reporting of encumbrances against appropriations, with monthly report of liquidations and adjustments against same, covering transportation of passengers, freight, and expressage - encumbrances which are paid in Washington after action by the General Accounting Office. The reports being received are not prepared in accordance with the directions given, with resulting inability of this office to prepare its reports to the Budget Bureau without much uncertainty as to their accuracy.

Will you kindly have forwarded without delay statements, by months, prepared in accordance with directions given in paragraph 3 of above letter, for the months July to November, inclusive, as regards appropriations for the fiscal year 1925 only. Information should also be furnished whether encumbrances covering items in question for the above period were included in reported figures for the months mentioned, and if not the additional amounts to be set up, or which should have been set up for each month.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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